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SUBJ: POSSIBLE UNRWA BUDGET CUTS

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1. IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, UNRWA FINANCIAL PLIGHT WOULD BE CASUE OF RELATIVELY MINOR CONCERN FOR GOI. AS REGARDS REFUGEES IN GAZA AND ON WEST BANK, MOST ISRAELI OFFICIALS INVOLVED WITH PROBLEM HAVE LONG BELIEVED THAT UNRWA COULD USE MAJOR OVERHAUL. GOI HAS TAKEN OWN INITIATIVE WITH PROGRAMS AIMED AT RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION, PARTIALLY FOR HUMANITARIAN MOTIVES BUT ALSO TO MAKE POINT THAT INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES IS FEASIBLE PROPOSITION.

2. IN PRESENT SITUATION, HOWEVER, AND NOTWITHSTANDING WHAT IRAELIS MAY SAY FOR RECORD, WE DOUBT IF GOI WOULD WANT TO SEE KIND OF REACTION FORESEEN AMMAN REFTTEL WHICH COULD EASILY SPILL OVER INTO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ONE CONTRARY, GOI WOULD WISH AVOID DEVELOPMENT OF ANY SITUATION
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WHICH WOULD SPOTLIGHT REFUGEE QUESTION PREMATURELY AND

COULD RAISE SPECTRE OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN REFUGEES
AND GOI SECURITY FORCES. MOREOVER, TO DEGREE THAT
REDUCTION IN SERVICES IS ATTRIBUTED TO USG FAILURE TO
RESCUE UNRWA, THERE IS UNFORTUNATE POSSIBILITY OF THIS
BEING MISINTERPRETED AS INDICATION OF REDUCED US INTEREST
IN RESOLUTION OF REFUGEE PROBLEM.

3. THUS ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEMS ARE VERY DIFFERENT, AS ARE
PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO MEET THEN, OUR CONCERNS OVER
REDUCTION IN UNRWA SERVICES ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE EXPRESSED
IN TEL AVIV REFTTEL IN PL 480 CONTEXT. IN BOTH CASES, THIS
STRIKES US AS INOPPORTUNE TIME TO ALLOW BOAT TO BE ROCKED
IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
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